

L4 ANSWER 1 OF 3 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 1999 BIOSIS
 AN 1993:389645 BIOSIS
 DN PREV199396064945
 TI **Aflagellated** mutants of **Helicobacter pylori**
 generated by genetic transformation of naturally competent strains using
 transposon shuttle mutagenesis.
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 → SO Molecular Microbiology, (1993) Vol. 8, No. 4, pp. 753-760.
 ISSN: 0950-382X.
 DT Article
 LA English
 AB Three out of 10 **Helicobacter pylori** clinical isolates
 were found to be naturally competent for genetic transformation to
 streptomycin resistance by chromosomal DNA extracted from a spontaneous
 streptomycin-resistant **H. pylori** mutant. The frequency
 of transformation varied between 5 times 10^{-4} and 4 times 10^{-6} , depending
 on the **H. pylori** isolate used. Transposon shuttle
 mutagenesis based on this natural competence was established using the
 flagellin gene *flaA* as the target. The cloned *flaA* gene was interrupted
 by
 insertion of TnMax1, a mini-Tn1721 transposon carrying a modified
 chloramphenicol-acetyltransferase gene, the cat-GC cassette. Natural
 transformation of competent **H. pylori** strains with
 plasmid constructs harbouring a cat-GC-inactivated *flaA* gene resulted in
 chloramphenicol-resistant transformants at an average frequency of 4
 times
 10-5. Southern hybridization experiments confirmed the replacement of the
 chromosomal **H. pylori** *flaA* gene by the cat-inactivated
 cloned gene copy via homologous recombination resulting in allelic
 exchange. Phenotypic characterization of the mutants demonstrated the
absence of flagella under the electron microscope and the loss of
 bacterial motility. Immunoblots of cell lysates of the **H.**
pylori mutants with an antiserum raised against the C-terminal
 portion of recombinant **H. pylori** major flagellin
 (FlaA) confirmed the absence of the 54 kDa FlaA protein. This efficient
 transposon shuttle mutagenesis procedure for **H. pylori**
 based on natural competence opens up new possibilities for the genetic
 assessment of putative **H. pylori** virulence
 determinants.

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L7 ANSWER 1 OF 22 USPATFULL
AN 1999:50284 USPATFULL
TI Vaccines comprising enhanced antigenic helicobacter spp.
IN Pace, John Lee, Germantown, MD, United States
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PI US 5897475 19990427
AI US 1995-538544 19951003 (8)
RLI Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1994-318409, filed on 5 Oct 1994,
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DT Utility
LN.CNT 2096
INCL INCLM: 435/252.100
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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L7 ANSWER 11 OF 22 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 1999 BIOSIS
AN 1995:290361 BIOSIS
DN PREV199598304661
TI Cloning, Expression, and Mutagenesis of the *H. pylori*
flbA Gene - a Homolog of the lcrD/**flbF** Family of Genes
Associated with Motility and Virulence.
AU Suerbaum, S. (1); Schmitz, A. (1); Josenhans, C. (1); Labigne, A.
CS (1) Med. Microbiol. Immunol., Ruhr Univ., Bochum Germany
SO Abstracts of the General Meeting of the American Society for
Microbiology,
(1995) Vol. 95, No. 0, pp. 181.
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L7 ANSWER 9 OF 22 USPATFULL
AN 97:96762 USPATFULL
TI Methods for producing enhanced antigenic campylobacter bacteria and vaccines
IN Pace, John Lee, Germantown, MD, United States
Walker, Richard Ives, Gaithersburg, MD, United States
Frey, Steven Michael, Germantown, MD, United States
PA Antex Biologics, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD, United States (U.S. corporation)
PI US 5679564 19971021
AI US 1995-538545 19951003 (8)
RLI Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1994-318409, filed on 5 Oct 1994, now abandoned
DT Utility
LN.CNT 2162
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NCL NCLM: 435/252.100
NCLS: 424/093.400; 424/184.100; 424/282.100
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ICS: A61K039-38; A61K045-00; C12N001-20
EXF 435/252.1; 435/822; 424/93.4; 424/184.1; 424/282.1
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L7 ANSWER 8 OF 22 USPATFULL
AN 97:99189 USPATFULL
TI Methods for producing enhanced antigenic shigella bacteria and vaccines
comprising same
IN Pace, John Lee, Germantown, MD, United States
Walker, Richard Ives, Gaithersburg, MD, United States
Frey, Steven Michael, Germantown, MD, United States
PA Antex Biologics, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD, United States (U.S.
corporation)
PI US 5681736 19971028
AI US 1995-538543 19951003 (8)
RLI Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1994-318409, filed on 5 Oct 1994,
now abandoned
DT Utility
LN.CNT 2158
INCL INCLM: 435/252.100
INCLS: 424/093.400; 424/184.100; 424/282.100
NCL NCLM: 435/252.100
NCLS: 424/093.400; 424/184.100; 424/282.100
IC [6]
ICM: A01N063-00
ICS: A61K039-00; A61K045-00; C12N001-20
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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L7 ANSWER 12 OF 22 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 1999 BIOSIS

AN 1995:471417 BIOSIS

DN PREV199598485717

TI The ~~H. pylori~~ flagellar biosynthesis regulatory
protein ~~FlbA~~ affects the expression of flagellar components of
the transcriptional level and is probably a membrane protein.

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SO Gut, (1995) Vol. 37, No. SUPPL. 1, pp. A62.

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L7 ANSWER 8 OF 12 MEDLINE
 AN 96294750 MEDLINE
 DN 96294750
 TI Colonization of gnotobiotic piglets by **Helicobacter pylori** deficient in two flagellin genes.
 AU Eaton K A; Suerbaum S; Josenhans C; Krakowka S
 CS Ohio State University, Columbus 43210, USA.
 NC R29 DK 45340 (NIDDK)
 SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (1996 Jul) 64 (7) 2445-8.
 Journal code: GO7. ISSN: 0019-9567.
 CY United States
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals
 EM 199611
 AB **Helicobacter pylori** possesses two flagellin molecules, **FlaA**, the major species, and **FlaB**, which is expressed in minor amounts. This study sought to determine if one or both flagellin species are necessary for colonization or persistence by *H. pylori*. Thirty-six gnotobiotic piglets from six litters were given one of four isogenic strains of *H. pylori* orally. The bacterial strains used were strain N6, the wild type, which produced both **FlaA** and **FlaB** and was fully motile; N6flaB::km, which produced **FlaA** but not **FlaB** and was weakly motile; N6flaA::km, which expressed **FlaB** but not **FlaA** and was **nonmotile**; and N6flaA::cat/flaB::km, which produced neither flagellin and was **nonmotile**. Strain N6 colonized all piglets and persisted for 2, 4, and 10 days after inoculation. Both N6flaA::km and N6flaB::km colonized for 2 and 4 but not 10 days, and colonization was weak.
 N6flaA::cat/flaB::km colonized for 2 days but did not persist for 4 or 10 days after inoculation. These findings demonstrate that both flagellin species are necessary for full colonization by *H. pylori*. Colonization for up to 4 days is possible in the absence of either flagellin species but not both.

L4 ANSWER 2 OF 15 MEDLINE
 AN 95048133 MEDLINE
 DN 95048133
 TI Studies on gastric mucosal cell injury induced by Helicobacter pylori.
 AU Mitani-Ehara S
 CS Third Department of Internal Medicine, Hokkaido University School of
 Medicine, Sapporo, Japan..
 SO HOKKAIDO IGAKU ZASSHI. HOKKAIDO JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, (1994 Jul) 69
 (4) 836-46.
 Journal code: GA9. ISSN: 0367-6102.
 CY Japan
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA Japanese
 FS Priority Journals
 EM 199502
 AB The cause of gastric mucosal cell injury induced by Helicobacter pylori
 (H. pylori) was investigated in vitro using gastric mucosal cells derived
 from the stomach of male Japanese white rabbits. In order to evaluate the
 contribution of potent urease activity of H. pylori to gastric mucosal
 cell injury, supernatant of H. pylori bacterial pellet solubilized in a
 1.0% solution of **n-octyl-glucoside**, the H.
 pylori **extracts**, was added to the rabbit gastric mucosal cell
 suspension. Cell injury was expressed by LDH release into the
 extracellular fluid of gastric mucosal cell suspension after 30 minutes
 incubation at 37 degrees C. Treatment of cells by H. pylori extracts
 (final concentration of 0.54 mg/ml) together with urea (final
 concentration at 50 mM) showed a high LDH release into the extracellular
 fluid suggesting definite gastric mucosal cell injury. Elevation of
 ammonia concentration and that of extracellular fluid pH were also
 observed by the treatment, whereas H. pylori extracts alone and urea
 solution alone did not. The ammonia concentration of extracellular fluid
 and LDH release were distinctly elevated in accord with increasing amount
 of H. pylori extracts under the existence of 50 mM urea. The degree of
 LDH release from gastric mucosal cell by H. pylori extracts under the
 existence of urea was similar to that induced by the administration of
 the same amount of exogenous ammonia. The addition of acetohydroxamic acid
 (AHA), a potent specific urease inhibitor, remarkably inhibited dose
 dependently the ammonia production, the elevation of pH of extracellular
 fluid and LDH release induced by H. pylori extracts under the presence of
 urea. These results suggest that the ammonia produced by potent urease
 activity of H. pylori under the presence of urea played an important role
 in the pathogenesis of gastric mucosal cell injury.

L3 ANSWER 1 OF 2 MEDLINE
 AN 1999242780 MEDLINE
 DN 99242780
 TI Molecular characterization of a flagellar export locus of *Helicobacter pylori*.
 AU Porwollik S; Noonan B; O'Toole P W
 CS Institute of Molecular BioSciences, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand.
 SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (1999 May) 67 (5) 2060-70.
 Journal code: GO7. ISSN: 0019-9567.
 CY United States
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals
 OS GENBANK-U75584
 EM 199907
 EW 19990704
 AB Motility of *Helicobacter* species has been shown to be essential for successful colonization of the host. We have investigated the organization of a flagellar export locus in *Helicobacter pylori*. A 7-kb fragment of the *H. pylori* CCUG 17874 genome was cloned and sequenced, revealing an operon comprising an open reading frame of unknown function (ORF03), essential housekeeping genes (*ileS* and *murB*), flagellar export genes (*fliI* and *fliQ*), and a homolog to a gene implicated in virulence factor transport in other pathogens (*virB11*). A promoter for this operon, showing similarity to the *Escherichia coli* sigma70 consensus, was identified by primer extension. Cotranscription of the genes in the operon was demonstrated by reverse transcription-PCR, and transcription of *virB11*, *fliI*, *fliQ*, and *murB* was detected in human or mouse biopsies obtained from infected hosts.
 The genetic organization of this locus was conserved in a panel of *H. pylori* clinical isolates. Engineered *fliI* and *fliQ* mutant strains were completely **aflagellate** and nonmotile, whereas a *virB11* mutant still produced flagella. The *fliI* and *fliQ* mutant strains produced reduced levels of flagellin and the hook protein FlgE. Production of OMP4, a member of the outer membrane protein family identified in *H. pylori* 26695, was reduced in both the *virB11* mutant and the *fliI* mutant, suggesting related functions of the virulence factor export protein (*VirB11*) and the flagellar export component (*FliI*).

L3 ANSWER 2 OF 2 MEDLINE
 AN 97375061 MEDLINE
 DN 97375061
 TI A flagellar-specific ATPase (*FliI*) is necessary for flagellar export in *Helicobacter pylori*.
 AU Jenks P J; Foynes S; Ward S J; Constantinidou C; Penn C W; Wren B W
 CS Department of Medical Microbiology, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London, UK.
 SO FEMS MICROBIOLOGY LETTERS, (1997 Jul 15) 152 (2) 205-11.
 Journal code: FML. ISSN: 0378-1097.
 CY Netherlands
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 OS GENBANK-Y08620
 EM 199710

AB Although flagellar motility is essential for the colonisation of the stomach by *Helicobacter pylori*, little is known about the regulation of flagellar biosynthesis in this organism. We have identified a gene in *H. pylori*, designated *fliI*, whose deduced amino acid sequence revealed extensive homology with the *FliI/LcrB/InvC* family of proteins which energise the export of flagellar and other virulence factors in several bacterial species. An isogenic mutant of *fliI* was non-motile and synthesised reduced amounts of flagellin and hook protein subunits. The majority (> 99%) of mutant cells were completely **aflagellate**. These results suggest that *FliI* is a novel ATPase involved in flagellar export in *H. pylori*.

L5 ANSWER 1 OF 1 MEDLINE
 AN 2000026809 MEDLINE
 DN 20026809
 TI Molecular cloning and characterization of the *Helicobacter pylori* *fliD* gene, an essential factor in flagellar structure and motility.
 AU Kim J S; Chang J H; Chung S I; Yum J S
 CS Mogam Biotechnology Research Institute, Koosung-myon, Yongin-city, Kyonggi-do 449-910, Korea.. jsyum@kgcc.co.kr
 SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1999 Nov) 181 (22) 6969-76.
 Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.
 CY United States
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 OS GENBANK-U82981
 EM 200002
 EW 20000204
 AB *Helicobacter pylori* colonizes the human stomach and can cause gastroduodenal disease. Flagellar motility is regarded as a major factor in the colonizing ability of *H. pylori*. The functional roles of flagellar structural proteins other than FlaA, FlaB, and FlgE are not well understood. The *fliD* operon of *H. pylori* consists of *flaG*, *fliD*, and *fliS* genes, in the order stated, under the control of a sigma(28)-dependent promoter. In an effort to elucidate the function of the *FliD* protein, a hook-associated protein 2 homologue, in flagellar morphogenesis and motility, the *fliD* gene (2,058 bp) was cloned and isogenic mutants were constructed by disruption of the *fliD* gene with a kanamycin resistance cassette and electroporation-mediated allelic-exchange mutagenesis. In the *fliD* mutant, morphologically abnormal flagellar appendages in which very little filament elongation was apparent were observed. The *fliD* mutant strain was completely **nonmotile**, indicating that these abnormal flagella were functionally defective. Furthermore, the isogenic *fliD* mutant of *H. pylori* SS1, a mouse-adapted strain, was not able to colonize the gastric mucosae of host mice. These results suggest that *H. pylori* *FliD* is an essential element in the assembly of the functional flagella that are required for colonization of the gastric mucosa.

L7 ANSWER 1 OF 12 MEDLINE
 AN 2000458522 MEDLINE
 DN 20416244
 TI Mutational analysis of genes encoding the early flagellar components of **Helicobacter pylori**: evidence for transcriptional regulation of flagellin A biosynthesis.
 AU Allan E; Dorrell N; Foynes S; Anyim M; Wren B W
 CS Pathogen Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Unit, Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom.
 SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (2000 Sep) 182 (18) 5274-7.
 Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.
 CY United States
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 EM 200012
 EW 20001201
 AB We investigated the roles of fliF, fliS, flhB, fliQ, fliG, and fliI of **Helicobacter pylori**, predicted by homology to encode structural components of the flagellar basal body and export apparatus. Mutation of these genes resulted in **nonmotile**, nonflagellate strains. Western blot analysis showed that all the mutants had considerably reduced levels of both flagellin subunits and of FlgE, the flagellar hook protein. RNA slot blot hybridization showed reduced levels of flaA mRNA, indicating that transcription of the major flagellin gene is inhibited in the absence of the early components of the flagellar-assembly pathway. This is the first demonstration of a checkpoint in **H. pylori** flagellar assembly.

L7 ANSWER 2 OF 12 MEDLINE
 AN 2000404329 MEDLINE
 DN 20359354
 TI Switching of flagellar motility in **Helicobacter pylori** by reversible length variation of a short homopolymeric sequence repeat in fliP, a gene encoding a basal body protein.
 AU Josenhans C; Eaton K A; Thevenot T; Suerbaum S
 CS Institute of Hygiene and Microbiology, University of Wurzburg, D-97080 Wurzburg, Germany.
 NC R01 AI43643 (NIAID)
 R29 DK-45340 (NIDDK)
 SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (2000 Aug) 68 (8) 4598-603.
 Journal code: GO7. ISSN: 0019-9567.
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 LA English
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals
 OS GENBANK-AJ404379; GENBANK-AJ404380; GENBANK-AJ404381; GENBANK-AJ404382; GENBANK-AJ404383; GENBANK-AJ404384; GENBANK-AJ404385; GENBANK-AJ404386; GENBANK-AJ404387; GENBANK-AJ404388; GENBANK-AJ404389; GENBANK-AJ404390; GENBANK-AJ404391; GENBANK-AJ404392; GENBANK-AJ404393; GENBANK-AJ404394; GENBANK-AJ404395; GENBANK-AJ404396; GENBANK-AJ404397; GENBANK-AJ404398; GENBANK-AJ404399; GENBANK-AJ404400
 EM 200010
 EW 20001004
 AB The genome of **Helicobacter pylori** contains numerous

simple nucleotide repeats that have been proposed to have regulatory functions and to compensate for the conspicuous dearth of master regulatory pathways in this highly host-adapted bacterium. **H. pylori** strain 26695, whose genomic sequence was determined by The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR), contains a repeat of nine cytidines in the *fliP* flagellar basal body gene that splits the open reading frame in two parts. In this work, we demonstrate that the 26695(C9) strain with a split *fliP* gene as sequenced by TIGR was nonflagellated and nonmotile. In contrast, earlier isolates of strain 26695 selected by positive motility testing as well as pig-passaged derivatives of 26695 were all flagellated and highly motile. All of these motile strains had a C(8) repeat and consequently a contiguous *fliP* reading frame. By screening approximately 50,000 colonies of 26695(C9) for motility in soft agar, a motile revertant with a C(8) repeat could be isolated, proving that the described switch is reversible. The *fliP* genes of 20 motile clinical **H. pylori** isolates from different geographic regions possessed intact *fliP* genes with repeats of eight cytidines or the sequence CCCACCC in its place. Isogenic *fliP* mutants of a motile, C(8) repeat isolate of strain 26695 were constructed by allelic exchange mutagenesis and found to be defective in flagellum biogenesis. Mutants produced only small amounts of flagellins, while the transcription of flagellin genes appeared unchanged. These results strongly suggest a unique mechanism regulating motility in **H. pylori** which relies on slipped-strand mispairing-mediated mutagenesis of *fliP*.

L7 ANSWER 3 OF 12 MEDLINE
 AN 2000083056 MEDLINE
 DN 20083056
 TI Virulence factors of **Helicobacter pylori** affecting its gastric colonization in Mongolian gerbils.
 AU Iwao E; Hirayama F; Takagi S; Yokoyama Y; Ikeda Y
 CS Research Laboratories, Yoshitomi Pharmaceutical Industries, Fukuoka, Japan.
 SO JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY, (1999) 34 Suppl 11 47-54.
 Journal code: BWP. ISSN: 0944-1174.
 CY Japan
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 EM 200004
 EW 20000401
 AB **Helicobacter pylori** is recognized to possess a number of virulence factors. We investigated the role of motility, vacuolating cytotoxin, and urease in gastric colonization by **H. pylori**. Mongolian gerbils (SPF, 7 weeks old) were challenged orally with a single administration of a 24-h culture broth of **H. pylori** and then were killed 6 and 26 weeks after challenge. Gastric colonization, severe gastritis, ulceration, and high levels of serum anti-**H. pylori** immunoglobulin G were observed in the gerbils challenged with strains motile in the semisolid medium (ATCC43504, HPY-127, HPY-204), but not in gerbils challenged with strains nonmotile in the medium (ATCC49503, HPY-205, HPY-206). Only strains ATCC43504, ATCC49503, HPY-204, and HPY-206 had vacuolating cytotoxin activity against HeLa and Vero cells. Thus, motile strains were able to colonize regardless of their vacuolating cytotoxin activities, and vacuolating cytotoxin was not associated with epithelial damage in the gastric mucosa. Furthermore, the phenotypic variants of strains with the ability to colonize that lacked either motility or urease activity lost their ability to colonize. In conclusion, motility and urease activity, but not vacuolating cytotoxin activity, are essential for gastric colonization by **H. pylori** in Mongolian gerbils.

L7 ANSWER 4 OF 12 MEDLINE

AN 2000080623 MEDLINE
DN 20080623
TI Performance of native and recombinant antigens for diagnosis of **Helicobacter pylori** infection.
AU Widmer M; de Korwin J D; Aucher P; Thiberge J M; Suerbaum S; Labigne A; Fauchère J L
CS Sanofi Diagnostic Pasteur, Marne-La-Coquette, France.
SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, (1999 Nov) 18 (11) 823-6. 1999
Journal code: EM5. ISSN: 0934-9723.
CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
FS Priority Journals
EM 200003
EW 20000303
AB The aim of this study was to evaluate the performance of three antigenic preparations for serological diagnosis of **Helicobacter pylori** infection: (i) native antigens from **Helicobacter pylori** strain N6 or its **aflagellated** isogenic mutant N6flbA-, or an acellular extract (antigen AgFA) from a pool of six clinical strains; (ii) recombinant antigens consisting of CagA fused to MS2 polymerase and HspA or recombinant UreA and UreB fused to the maltose-binding protein, and (iii) the preparations provided with two commercial kits, the Cobas Core (Roche Diagnostic Systems, France) and the Pylori Stat (BioWhittaker, Belgium). All preparations were used in an enzyme immunoassay to test 92 sera from dyspeptic patients for whom the status of **Helicobacter** infection was established. Sensitivities were higher (90 to 100%) for the native antigens and the commercial kits than for the recombinant antigens. Specificities were higher than 90%, except with UreA + UreB (42%). The most useful antigens were those extracted from strains N6 and N6flbA-.

L7 ANSWER 5 OF 12 MEDLINE
AN 1999242831 MEDLINE
DN 99242831
TI Identification of virulence genes of **Helicobacter pylori** by random insertion mutagenesis.
AU Bijlsma J J; Vandenbroucke-Grauls C M; Phadnis S H; Kusters J G
CS Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
NC CA67527 (NCI)
DK39045 (NIDDK)
SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (1999 May) 67 (5) 2433-40.
Journal code: G07. ISSN: 0019-9567.
CY United States
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals
EM 199907
EW 19990704
AB The complete genome of the gram-negative bacterial pathogen **Helicobacter pylori**, an important etiological agent of gastroduodenal disease in humans, has recently been published. This sequence revealed that the putative products of roughly one-third of the open reading frames (ORFs) have no significant homology to any known proteins. To be able to analyze the functions of all ORFs, we constructed an integration plasmid for **H. pylori** and used it to generate a random mutant library in this organism. This integration plasmid, designated pBCalpha3, integrated randomly into the chromosome of **H. pylori**. To test the capacity of this library to identify virulence genes, subsets of this library were screened for urease-negative mutants and for **nonmotile** mutants. Three urease-negative mutants in a subset of 1,251 mutants (0.25%) and 5

nonmotile mutants in a subset of 180 mutants (2.7%) were identified. Analysis of the disrupted ORFs in the **ure**-negative mutants revealed that two had disruptions of genes of the **ure** locus, **ureB** and **ureI**, and the third had a disruption of an unrelated gene; a homologue of **deadD**, which encodes an RNA helicase. Analysis of the disrupted ORFs in

the

nonmotile mutants revealed one ORF encoding a homologue of the paralyzed flagellar protein, previously shown to be involved in motility in *Campylobacter jejuni*. The other four ORFs have not been implicated in motility before. Based on these data, we concluded that we have generated a random insertion library in *H. pylori* that allows for the functional identification of genes in *H. pylori*.

L7 ANSWER 6 OF 12 MEDLINE
AN 97386399 MEDLINE
DN 97386399

TI The **flgE** gene of *Campylobacter coli* is under the control of the alternative sigma factor sigma54.
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CS Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1997 Aug) 179 (15) 4647-53.
Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

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AB The **flgE** gene encoding the flagellar hook protein of *Campylobacter coli* VC167-T1 was cloned by immunoscreening of a genomic library constructed in

lambdaZAP Express. The **flgE** DNA sequence was 2,553 bp in length and encoded a protein with a deduced molecular mass of 90,639 Da. The sequence

had significant homology to the 5' and 3' sequences of the **flgE** genes of *Helicobacter pylori*, *Treponema phagedenis*, and *Salmonella typhimurium*. Primer extension analysis indicated that the

VC167 **flgE** gene is controlled by a sigma54 promoter. PCR analysis showed that the **flgE** gene size and the 5' and 3' DNA sequences were conserved among

C.

coli and *C. jejuni* strains. Southern hybridization analyses confirmed that

there is considerable sequence identity among the hook genes of *C. coli* and *C. jejuni* but that there are also regions within the genes which differ. Mutants of *C. coli* defective in hook production were generated by allele replacement. These mutants were **nonmotile** and lacked flagellar filaments. Analyses of **flgE** mutants indicated that the carboxy terminus of FlgE is necessary for assembly of the hook structure but not for secretion of FlgE and that, unlike salmonellae, the lack of **flgE** expression does not result in repression of flagellin expression.

L7 ANSWER 7 OF 12 MEDLINE
AN 97175520 MEDLINE
DN 97175520

TI Cloning and characterization of the *Helicobacter pylori* **flbA** gene, which codes for a membrane protein involved in coordinated expression of flagellar genes.

AU Schmitz A; Josenhans C; Suerbaum S

CS Ruhr-Universitat Bochum, Medizinische Mikrobiologie und Immunologie, Germany.

SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1997 Feb) 179 (4) 987-97.
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AB Flagellar motility has been shown to be an essential requirement for the ability of *Helicobacter pylori* to colonize the gastric mucosa. While some flagellar structural components have been studied in molecular detail, nothing was known about factors that play a role in the regulation of flagellar biogenesis. We have cloned and characterized an *H. pylori* homolog (named flbA) of the lcrD/flbF family of genes. Many proteins encoded by these genes are known to be involved

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flagellar biogenesis or secretion of virulence-associated proteins via type III secretion systems. The *H. pylori* flbA gene (2,196 bp) is capable of coding for a predicted 732-amino-acid, 80.9-kDa protein that has marked sequence similarity with other known members of the LcrD/FlbF protein family. An isogenic strain with a mutation in the flbA gene was constructed by disruption of the gene with a kanamycin resistance cassette and electroporation-mediated allelic exchange mutagenesis. The mutant strain expressed neither the FlaA nor the FlaB flagellin protein. The expression of the FlgE hook protein was reduced in comparison with the wild-type strain, and the extent of this reduction

was

growth phase dependent. The flbA gene disruption was shown to downregulate

the expression of these flagellar genes on the transcriptional level. The flbA mutants were **aflagellate** and completely **nonmotile**. Occasionally, assembled hook structures could be observed, indicating that export of axial flagellar filament components was still possible in the absence of the flbA gene product. The hydrophilic part of the FlbA protein was expressed in *Escherichia coli*, purified, and used to raise a polyclonal rabbit antiserum against the FlbA protein. Western blot experiments with this antiserum indicated that the FlbA protein is predominantly associated with the cytoplasmic membrane in *H. pylori*. The antiserum cross-reacted with two other proteins (97 and 43 kDa) whose expression was not affected by the flbA gene disruption and which might represent further *H. pylori* homologs of the LcrD/FlbF protein family.

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 TI Colonization of gnotobiotic piglets by **Helicobacter pylori** deficient in two flagellin genes.
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 NC R29 DK 45340 (NIDDK)
 SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (1996 Jul) 64 (7) 2445-8.
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 AB **Helicobacter pylori** possesses two flagellin molecules, MA, the major species, and FlaB, which is expressed in minor amounts. This study sought to determine if one or both flagellin species are necessary for colonization or persistence by *H. pylori*. Thirty-six gnotobiotic piglets from six litters were given one of four isogenic strains of *H. pylori* orally. The bacterial strains used were strain N6, the wild type, which produced both FlaA and FlaB and was fully motile; N6flaB::km, which produced FlaA but not FlaB and was weakly motile; N6flaA::km, which expressed FlaB but not FlaA and was **nonmotile**; and N6flaA::cat/flaB::km, which produced neither flagellin and was nonmotile. Strain N6 colonized all piglets and persisted for 2, 4, and 10 days after inoculation. Both N6flaA::km and N6flaB::km colonized for 2 and 4 but not 10 days, and colonization was weak.
 N6flaA::cat/flaB::km colonized for 2 days but did not persist for 4 or 10 days after inoculation. These findings demonstrate that both flagellin species are necessary for full colonization by *H. pylori*. Colonization for up to 4 days is possible in the absence of either flagellin species but not both.

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 TI Comparative ultrastructural and functional studies of **Helicobacter pylori** and *Helicobacter mustelae* flagellin mutants: both flagellin subunits, FlaA and FlaB, are necessary for full motility in *Helicobacter* species.
 AU Josenhans C; Labigne A; Suerbaum S
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 AB *Helicobacter mustelae* causes chronic gastritis and ulcer disease in ferrets. It is therefore considered an important animal model of human **Helicobacter pylori** infection. High motility even in a viscous environment is one of the common virulence determinants of *Helicobacter* species. Their sheathed flagella contain a complex filament that is composed of two distinctly different flagellin subunits, FlaA and FlaB, that are coexpressed in different amounts. Here, we report the cloning and sequence determination of the flaA gene of *H. mustelae* NCTC12032 from a PCR amplification product. The FlaA protein has a calculated molecular mass of 53 kDa and is 73% homologous to the **H. pylori** FlaA subunit. Isogenic flaA and flaB mutants of *H. mustelae* F1 were constructed by means of reverse genetics. A method was established to generate double mutants (flaA flaB) of *H. mustelae* F1 as well as **H. pylori** N6. Genotypes, motility properties, and morphologies of the *H. mustelae* flagellin mutants were determined and compared with those of the **H. pylori** flaA and flaB mutants described previously. The flagellar organizations of the two *Helicobacter* species proved to be highly similar. When the flaB genes were disrupted, motility decreased by 30 to 40%. flaA mutants retained weak motility by comparison with strains that were devoid of both flagellin subunits. Weakly positive motility tests of the flaA mutants correlated with the existence of short truncated flagella. In *H. mustelae*, lateral as well as polar flagella were present in the truncated form. flaA flaB double mutants were completely **nonmotile** and lacked any form of flagella. These results show that the presence of both flagellin subunits is necessary for complete motility of *Helicobacter* species. The importance of this flagellar organization for the ability of the bacteria to colonize the gastric mucosa and to persist in the gastric mucus remains to be proven

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TI **Aflagellated** mutants of **Helicobacter pylori**
generated by genetic transformation of naturally competent strains using
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SO MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY, (1993 May) 8 (4) 753-60.
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AB Three out of 10 **Helicobacter pylori** clinical isolates
were found to be naturally competent for genetic transformation to
streptomycin resistance by chromosomal DNA extracted from a spontaneous
streptomycin-resistant **H. pylori** mutant. The frequency
of transformation varied between 5×10^{-4} and 4×10^{-6} , depending on
the **H. pylori** isolate used. Transposon shuttle
mutagenesis based on this natural competence was established using the
flagellin gene *flaA* as the target. The cloned *flaA* gene was interrupted
by

insertion of TnMax1, a mini-Tn1721 transposon carrying a modified
chloramphenicol-acetyltransferase gene, the *catGC* cassette. Natural
transformation of competent **H. pylori** strains with
plasmid constructs harbouring a *catGC*-inactivated *flaA* gene resulted in
chloramphenicol-resistant transformants at an average frequency of 4×10^{-5} . Southern hybridization experiments confirmed the replacement of
the chromosomal **H. pylori** *flaA* gene by the
cat-inactivated cloned gene copy via homologous recombination resulting
in

allelic exchange. Phenotypic characterization of the mutants demonstrated
the absence of flagella under the electron microscope and the loss of
bacterial motility. Immunoblots of cell lysates of the **H.**
pylori mutants with an antiserum raised against the C-terminal
portion of recombinant **H. pylori** major flagellin
(FlaA) confirmed the absence of the 54 kDa FlaA protein. This efficient
transposon shuttle mutagenesis procedure for **H. pylori**
based on natural competence opens up new possibilities for the genetic
assessment of putative **H. pylori** virulence
determinants.

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 TI Cloning and genetic characterization of the *Helicobacter pylori* and *Helicobacter mustelae* flaB flagellin genes and construction of *H. pylori* flaA- and flaB-negative mutants by electroporation-mediated allelic exchange.
 AU Suerbaum S; Josenhans C; Labigne A
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 AB *Helicobacter pylori* is one of the most common human pathogens. It causes chronic gastritis and is involved in the pathogenesis of gastroduodenal ulcer disease and possibly gastric carcinoma. *Helicobacter mustelae* is a bacterium closely related to *H. pylori* that causes gastritis and ulcer disease in ferrets and is therefore considered an important animal model of gastric *Helicobacter* infections. Motility, even in a viscous environment, is conferred to the bacteria by several sheathed flagella and is regarded as one of their principal virulence factors. The flagellar filament of *H. pylori* consists of two different flagellin species expressed in different amounts. The gene (flaA) encoding the major flagellin has recently been cloned and sequenced. Here we report the cloning and sequencing of two highly homologous new flagellin genes from *H. pylori* 85P and *H. mustelae* NCTC 12032. The nucleotide sequence of the *H. pylori* gene proved that it encoded the second flagellin molecule found in *H. pylori* flagellar filaments. The genes were named flaB. The *H. mustelae* and *H. pylori* flaB genes both coded for proteins with 514 amino acids and molecular masses of 54.0 and 53.9 kDa, respectively. The proteins shared 81.7% identical amino acids. The degree of conservation between *H. pylori* FlaB and the *H. pylori* FlaA major flagellin was much lower (58%). Both flaB genes were preceded by sigma 54-like promoter sequences. Mapping of the transcription start site for the *H. pylori* flaB gene by a primer extension experiment confirmed the functional activity of the sigma 54 promoter. To evaluate the importance of both genes for motility, flaA- and flaB-disrupted mutants of *H. pylori* N6 were constructed by electroporation-mediated allelic exchange and characterized by Western blot (immunoblot) analysis and motility testing. Both mutations selectively abolished the expression of the targeted gene without affecting the synthesis of the other flagellin molecule. Whereas flaA mutants were completely **nonmotile**, flaB mutants retained motility.

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TI Serodiagnosis of **Helicobacter pylori**: comparison of
enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays.

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AB Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) have been developed to
diagnose **Helicobacter pylori** infection. However, the
methods are not standardized. We therefore prospectively evaluated the
sensitivities and specificities of ELISAs developed in the United States
and the United Kingdom in a study population comprising 41 consecutive
symptomatic outpatients and 35 volunteers. At endoscopy, multiple
biopsies

were obtained for histology and culture and stained sections were graded
for chronic gastritis, active chronic gastritis, and density of **H**
pylori. Serum samples were analyzed for **H**.

pylori by ELISA. The first set of assays for immunoglobulin G
(IgG) and IgA used a pool of sonicated isolates of **H**.

pylori from five patients in the United States (antigen A). The
second set of assays, developed in the United Kingdom, used three
different antigens: antigen 1, an acid-extractable surface antigen;
antigen 2, an acid-extractable antigen from an **aflagellate**
variant; and antigen 3, a urease-containing fraction. Cutoff scores for
positive results were determined a priori on the basis of previous
serological studies. There was close agreement between histology and
culture. In the study population, 36% of the individuals were **H**.
pylori positive. The diagnostic value of the different ELISAs were
highly comparable, and the crude antigens performed as well as the more
purified antigens. The antigen A IgG had a sensitivity and specificity of
96 and 94%, respectively; the values for antigen 1 were 93 and 96%,
respectively. The antigen A IgA and antigen 3 assays were the least
sensitive tests. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)